



Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

February 21-22, 2023

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the [board name] was held February 21-22, 2023, in Conference Room D, 9th floor, 330 Willoughby Ave, Juneau, and via Zoom.

Present:

Members: Bethel Belisle, chair; Rachel Pugh, Hannah St. George, Darcy Lucey
Staff: Sara Chambers, DCCED Boards and Regulations Advisor; Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager; Sylvan Robb, Division Director
Guests: Mary Yanagawa and Madi Grimes, MAA; Deborah Schneider

February 21

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm, which was later than the noticed time of 11:00am due to a delayed flight out of Anchorage. All members were present.

All members declared they had no conflicts of interest.

Ms. Pugh moved to approve the agenda and minutes, which were unanimously approved.

The board and MAA representatives discussed the meetings with legislators that were held at noon and which will resume again at 2pm.

Division Update

Ms. Dumas presented the board with their second quarter fiscal report and introduced new division director Sylvan Robb. Ms. Chambers provided a staffing update. The board began working through review of the upcoming renewal form, as well as additional documents that required updating due to the recent regulations changes. Ms. Chambers stated that although the board is not required to review them, their expertise is appreciated given the breadth of the changes.

Recess until 11:00am February 22

February 22

The meeting was called to order at 11:12am. All members were present. The board reported on legislative meeting held since the board met the previous day.

The board recessed shortly thereafter to continue legislative meetings and went back on the record at 4:00pm. They continued review of the application forms and provided feedback on all except the preceptor application, which was tabled until the next meeting. Members will review the statutes and regulations pertaining to preceptors prior to the next meeting and come prepared to discuss preceptors, as well as apprenticeship program requirements. Chambers explained that preceptor applications are infrequent and that staff assist with the application process for anyone who may need to be approved in the meantime.

Chair Belisle moved to reaffirm Ms. Pugh as the point person on the statute change and sunset legislation and Ms. Lucey as the point person to reach out to the APRN Alliance. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Chambers reviewed the renewal timeline; the web site indicates the forms, which were reviewed the day prior, will be available online by March 1. Midwives should not be surprised by the requirements because of the letters sent to all licensees regarding the renewal requirements and timeline.

Chambers indicated that audit letters will be sent out in early April. The board will be required to vote on VBAC documentation in OnBoard unless a meeting is needed sooner; those approved will be notified per regulation. Board reinforced that they must approve apprentice permits per 2014 legislative audit.

Public comment was noticed, but there were no questions or comments by guests.

The board set its next meeting date as May 17 from 10:00am – 12:00pm unless a meeting is needed sooner.

Ms. Pugh moved to adjourn, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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